

Wrapping Up a Mission To Castro's Cuba

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THE DONOVAN MISSION TO CUBA IS OVER. The nation got word last week that James B. Donovan, the 47-year-old Brooklyn lawyer who doubles as an international negotiator, had worked out the final deal with Fidel Castro. Latest result: the last 27 American prisoners in Cuba have now been returned to the U. S. Total result: more than 5,000 Cubans and Americans have been brought safely out of Cuba, most notably the 1,113 Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners, and including three operatives of the Central Intelligence Agency.

A DAY AFTER THIS FINAL DEAL became public, Castro's price was revealed. The United States released three accused Cuban saboteurs, as well as a pro-Castro Cuban gunman, Francisco (The Hook) Molina del Rio and the girl in New York. Those released and sent to Cuba: the gunman, Francisco (The Hook) Molina del Rio; and the accused saboteurs, Roberto Santiesteban Casanova, Marino Antonio Esteban del Carmen Suelro y Cabreña, and Jose Garcia Orellano. The last three were accused of being members of a sabotage ring which intended to blow up defense installations and public utilities in the New York metropolitan area. FBI agents had seized arms and explosives in their possession last November.